



Remembering Cynthia Hurd

Staff members at the South Carolina State Library were deeply saddened to learn of the Charleston shootings and the loss of Charleston librarian Cynthia Graham Hurd.

Born in Charleston, Hurd attended downtown Charleston schools, graduated from Clark Atlanta University and returned to Charleston and began working for Charleston County Public Library (CCPL) in 1984. After receiving her masters in Library Information Sciences, she became manager of CCPL's John L. Dart Library in 1990 and helped residents in the very community where she grew up. In 2011, Hurd became manager of CCPL's St. Andrews Regional Library.

She was always active in the community, serving as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Charleston Housing Authority and worked part-time at the College of Charleston's Addlestone Library.

According to SCSL Acting Director Leesa M. Benggio-Aiken, "Ms. Cynthia Hurd was a dedicated library employee. She was committed to improving her community and was respected by those who knew her. She had a quick-wit, good sense of humor, and enjoyed being of service. Her absence will be felt by many. Our thoughts are with her family, friends, coworkers, the library



community, and the City of Charleston."

The Charleston County Public Library system has served as liaison for the family to coordinate and buffer the demands from the media; wrote and developed bios; put together enlarged photos for the wake and funeral; and wrote/ designed the program for the funeral. The library also brought in grief counselors for staff.

The library will be sponsoring a series of programs called Charleston Heals Through Art, which will provide art therapy on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday/ Thursday evenings, from July 19-August 30.

To date, more than \$15,000 has been donated to the Cynthia Hurd Memorial Fund from individuals, businesses and libraries representing 31 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. The Charleston Friends of the Libraries have received approximately \$12,000 in her honor.

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According to CCPL Executive Director Douglas A. Henderson, "Cynthia was what Librarians strive to be. She loved reading, and children. She understood the value of education and literacy and loved the idea that she was in a position to share that with the community."

Hurd is survived by her husband Steve along with five siblings - Robert Moultrie, Gilbert Moultrie, Melvin Graham Jr., Malcolm Graham and Averill "Jackie" Graham Jones - and a host of

nieces, nephews and cousins throughout the community. She was the daughter of Melvin and Henrietta Graham, both deceased.

For those wanting to make a donation in memory of Hurd and her lifelong service to the community as a librarian, the family asks that donations be made to the Charleston County Public Library with the funds going to the John L. Dart Branch and the St. Andrews Regional Library for the promotion of educational

programming. Donations can be sent to the Charleston County Public Library c/o the Cynthia Graham Hurd Memorial Fund, 68 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401. [Donations are also being accepted through PayPal.](#)

Photo courtesy Charleston County Public Library.

Registration Now Open for Library Marketing and Communications Conference



Join us in Dallas, Texas, November 3-4, 2015 to take part in the conversation about issues related to library marketing and communications.

The Library Marketing and Communications Conference (LMCC) will connect marketing, public relations, fundraising,

outreach, and program development professionals from public, academic, and special libraries. In today's digital world, promoting and marketing libraries is crucial. Library public relations, community outreach, and marketing professionals have to strive to remain competitive by using innovative tools for effective marketing.

LMCC is an outgrowth of the Library Communications Conference (LCC), hosted by Kieserman Media, which began as the Association of Library Communications and Outreach Professionals (ALCOP). Those conferences took place near Philadelphia from 2011 to 2014. After Kieserman Media decided to stop organizing the events, a group

of former attendees decided to reboot and relaunch the conference. Generous sponsorship from Amigos Library Services is making this first LMCC possible.

The vision of LMCC is to create a platform that connects professionals who are committed to promoting libraries of all types. Through the exchange of information, we hope to build a resourceful community that will move libraries a step ahead. Register for the conference and hotel before July 31, 2015 to get the best rooms!

To get more information and to register for the conference, please visit www.amigos.org/lmcc.

State Library Announces Three New Webinars

The South Carolina State Library is pleased to announce three new webinars:

On [August 5, 2015](#) we will look at the State Department of Archives and its rich holdings of state government materials. We will also find other digital collections of state documents, including the South Carolina State Library's digital depository.

On [September 9, 2015](#) we will explore the websites and publications of the South Carolina Office of Attorney General and the State Supreme Court.

On [October 7, 2015](#) we will review how to locate South Carolina state energy information.

The webinars are from 11:00 a.m. to noon and are free and open to all. Please register through the South Carolina State Library's [event calendar](#).

For more information, please contact Elaine Sandberg at esandberg@statelibrary.sc.gov or 803-734-8625.



Library System Brings Mifi30 to the Lowcountry

The [Berkeley County Library System \(BCLS\)](#), with assistance from Google, is pleased to be the first library system in the state to offer a new service, MiFi30, which allows customers to check out the internet for 30 days, free with their library card. This new service began with a grant over \$11k from Google to the Friends of the Berkeley County Library. The grant helps support ongoing efforts to put Google's technical know-how and resources to work for the communities where they live and work.

Google's grant provided the funds

for 20 Mifi jetpacks and the Berkeley County Library provided twenty Chromebooks, each with a case and mouse, for the program.

"We are proud to be the first library system in South Carolina to have the Mifi30 service," said Donna Worden, the Berkeley County Library Director. "We will track the service's usage and send out surveys to get feedback for improvement. The library looks forward to the spread of digital literacy and new opportunities the Mifi30 service will provide. Access to the world's information promotes reading and a love of learning."

BCLS decided to launch this new service from the bookmobile first but the Mifi30s will be available for checkout at all BCLS branches.

"We are delighted to be a part of this innovative lending service for Berkeley County," says Barbara Ash, the Outreach/Children's librarian.

"Being able to bring internet access and connectivity to our communities via the mobile library sets a new standard of service that we hope our customers will take advantage of. This is an extraordinary opportunity for everyone in our community to get connected."

On June 26, 2015, the new MiFi30 will launch from the full-service bookmobile at one of its stops in the town of St. Stephen. Customers will be able to check out the new MiFi30s for thirty days at a time. Any customers needing instruction on the computer and internet use are welcome to take part in one-on-one training provided by the library.

For more information, please contact Kristen Lanier, BCLS Marketing and PR Coordinator at Kristen.lanier@berkeleycountysc.gov or 843-719-4358.



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Center Chooses Amelia Bedelia to Represent South Carolina at National Book Festival

The South Carolina State Library's Center for the Book has selected *Amelia Bedelia*, by Peggy Parish (HarperCollins Publishers), to represent South Carolina at the 2015 National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. The book is the state's selection for the National Book Festival's *Discover Great Places Through Reading* map. Each state selects one title of fiction or non-fiction, a book about the state or by an author from the state that is a good read for children or young adults. The map is distributed at the Pavilion of the States at the Festival and lists *Great Reads About Great Places*.

The late Peggy Parish, well known for her stories about *Amelia Bedelia*, wrote many popular books for children, including *Dinosaur Time*, illustrated by Arnold Lobel. Peggy Parish knew what children like to read. After graduating from the University of South Carolina with a degree in English, she taught school in Oklahoma, Kentucky, and for more than fifteen years at the well-known, progressive Dalton School in New York City. It was at Dalton that she began to find ways to release her creative ideas and energy. Though she never took a writing course, "writing

stories for children came naturally." Her first book, published in 1961, was followed with *Let's Be Indians* and, in 1963, her unforgettable *Amelia Bedelia*.

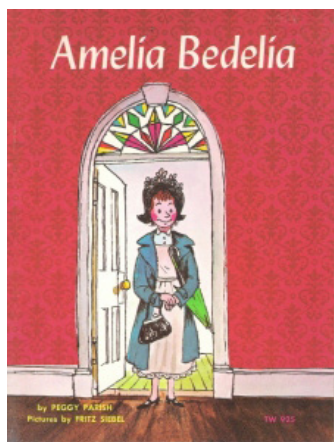
Always involved with education in some way, Peggy Parish did television pieces on preschool education and children's books, wrote children's-book review columns, and led numerous in-service training workshops for teachers. In discussing her ideas about education she said, "Children's rights are taken away from them when they enter school. What I try to show teachers is that all the skills needed to read can be taught outside of textbooks. Today's children are not going to read what they are not interested in. And if a positive attitude toward reading is not developed during the first three years of school, it is virtually impossible to develop it later."

After living in New York for many years, Peggy Parish returned to her native South Carolina. She died in November 1988. In 1995, Peggy Parish's nephew Herman Parish brought *Amelia Bedelia* back into the world with a new adventure, *Good Driving, Amelia Bedelia*, and he has continued to charm readers with her mishaps ever since. Last year, *Amelia Bedelia* celebrated its 50th anniversary and the Harvin Clarendon County Library in Manning, South Carolina, celebrated this milestone with a visit from Herman Parish and conducted a number of library programs. A statue of *Amelia Bedelia* was commissioned and placed on the library grounds in Peggy Parish's honor in 1999 and library visitors continue to enjoy seeing the statue and have their picture taken with this favorite character.

Peggy Parish didn't want to be an author. In fact, writing was the last thing on her mind. But as a teacher in New York City she found herself creating stories for her students. Eventually, she even got a few published. But it wasn't until 1963 that *Amelia Bedelia* was born, and for Ms. Parish the rest is history. During her lifetime she wrote nearly a dozen *Amelia Bedelia* books.

The [National Book Festival](#) will be held in Washington, DC at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center on Saturday September 5, 2015. This year's festival will feature authors, poets and illustrators in several pavilions. Festival-goers can meet and hear firsthand from their favorite poets and authors, get books signed, hear special entertainment, have photos taken with storybook characters and participate in a variety of activities. The Pavilion of the States will represent reading and library programs and literary events in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. trusts and territories. Children attending the festival are given maps to take to each state's table to have that state stamped to receive a prize. For more information, please visit loc.gov/bookfest.

The South Carolina Center for the Book is the South Carolina Affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book and is a cooperative project of the South Carolina State Library, the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science, and The Humanities CouncilSC. The Center is located at 1500 Senate Street, Columbia. For more information, please visit readsc.org.



John's Island Regional Book Sale Set for July 24 & 25

Book lovers and bargain hunters are in for a real treat when the Charleston Friends of the Library hosts its annual John's Island Regional Book Sale. With great bargains, good books and a chance to support your library system, all are invited to this free event held on Friday, July 24 & Saturday, July 25 at the John's Island Regional Library located at 3531 Maybank Highway, Charleston, SC 29455.

WHO: The Charleston Friends of the Library is a nonprofit volunteer organization that supports and advocates for the Charleston County Public Library system. We raise money to fund more than 6,000 programs sponsored annually by the library, including Resume Workshops, Summer Reading, the Met Opera Series, and more. One of the ways in which we raise funds is through our annual book sales.

WHAT: Books, DVDs, and CDs, will be available with prices starting at \$1 for paperbacks and \$3 for hardback books. Items include mysteries, romances, classics, children's books, local histories, cookbooks and a variety of non-fiction topics. Children's books start at just \$0.50 each.

WHEN: Friday, July 24 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Admission is free Friday and Saturday.

A special event for Friends of the Library members will be held at the branch, Thursday evening, July 23 from 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

WHERE: John's Island Regional Library, 3531 Maybank Highway, Charleston, SC 29455

BOOK SALE July 24 & 25

FREE ADMISSION

Where:

John's Island Regional Library, 3531 Maybank Hwy., 29455

When:

Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday, 9am-4pm*

*FOL Members: Join us Thursday, July 23 for a free preview event from 5-7:30pm

What:

Over 8,000 items to include fiction, non-fiction, children's books, CDs, DVDs and more. Cash, checks, or credit cards accepted.

For more information:

CharlestonLibraryFriends.org or (843) 805-6882

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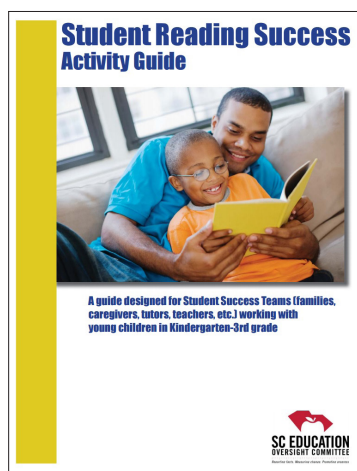
Other upcoming 2015 book sales:

That BIG Book Sale, October 9-11, Ocean Auditorium, 176 Patriots Point Rd., 29464
Holiday Book Sale, December 4-6, 65 Calhoun St., 29401



WHY: Support your local Library while stocking up on extra books for summer days at the beach, for taking a vacation or just to enjoy at home.

SC Education Oversight Committee Publishes Reading Guide



Reading with young children is a proven way to promote early literacy. Helping to make sure children are reading on grade level by third grade is one of the most important things we can do to prepare children for a successful future. Reading with a child for 20 minutes per day and making a few simple strategies a part of your daily routine can make a positive impact on a child's success in school. The SC Education Oversight Committee is happy to provide this [Student Reading Success Activity Guide](#), which includes age-appropriate

games to help children become more proficient readers! Thank you to the SC General Assembly which allows the SC Education Oversight Committee the ability to produce publications like this for the public through innovative partnerships designed to increase student achievement (2014-15 Appropriations Act, Proviso 1A.53). Copies will soon be available at all public library headquarters across the state!

GPO Releases Congressional Member Guide App for 114th Congress

The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) has released the Mobile Member Guide app for the 114th Congress. The mobile Web app provides the public with quick, easy access to information on Members of the 114th Congress; the features include their picture, party affiliation, hometown, home state, and length of service. The app allows users to browse for Members of Congress by last name, state, chamber, or party. The public can take advantage of this free mobile Web app on major mobile device

platforms.

Link to app: m.gpo.gov/membersguide

For more information: gpo.gov/mobile

"GPO is once again proud to provide an app to the public where they can learn more about their members of Congress," said GPO Director Davita Vance-Cooks. "This app is another example of how GPO continues to meet the



needs of Congress, Federal agencies and the public by providing Government information in multiple digital and mobile formats.

The print version of the Pictorial Directory for the 114th Congress is available through GPO's online bookstore.

MUSC Library Announces New Director

Associate Professor Shannon Jones has recently been named the [Medical University of South Carolina \(MUSC\) Library's](#) new director effective July 1, 2015. Jones joined the MUSC Library in January 2014 as Assistant Director for Program Development and Resource Integration, and Associate Professor in the Department of Library and Information Science.

Jones has over 13 years' experience working in academic research and health science libraries including 8 years in management and administration. Prior to MUSC, Jones was the Associate Director for Research and Education at the

Tomkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University.

From 2002-2004 she was a Fellow at the US National Library of Medicine. She has a long list of accomplishments in building library services that meet the ever changing needs of education, research and clinical communities.

For more information, please contact Shannon D. Jones at joneshan@musc.edu or 843-792-8839.



New EBooks Available from the State Library's Safari Books Online Database

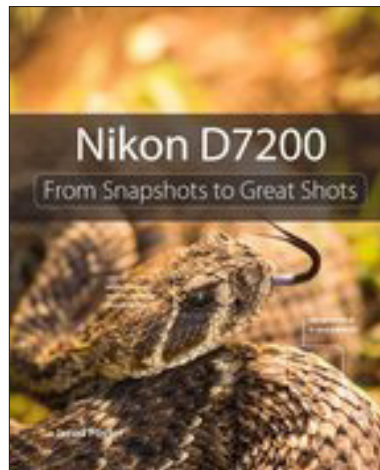
Get a State Library Card

In order to fulfill its mission and vision, to promote a return on public investment, and to promote the South Carolina State Library to citizens, the State Library's collection and facilities are accessible to all South Carolina citizens. Learn more about how to [get a State Library card](#).

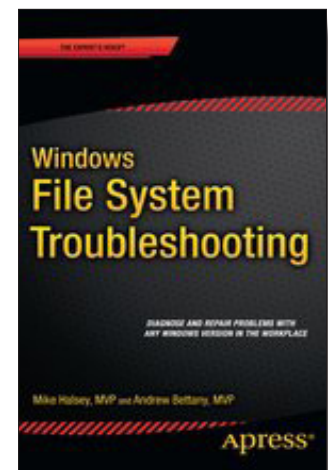
Designing and Operating a Data Reservoir. By Mandy Chessell, Nigel L. Jones, Jay Limburn, David Radley, and Kevin Shank. Publisher: IBM Redbooks. Pub. Date: May 26, 2015.



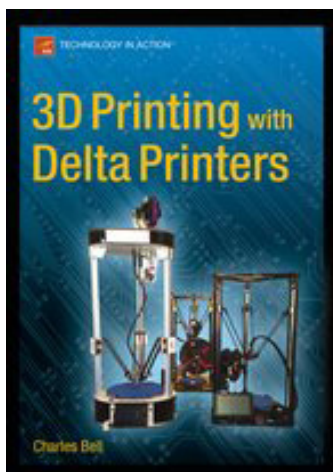
Nikon D7200: From Snapshots to Great Shots. By: Jerod Foster. Publisher: Peachpit Press. Pub. Date: July 13, 2015.



Windows File System Troubleshooting. By: Mike Halsey, MVP; Andrew Bettany, MVP. Publisher: Apress. Pub. Date: July 3, 2015.



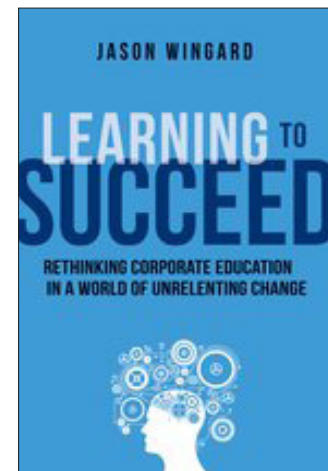
3D Printing with Delta Printers. By: Charles Bell. Publisher: Apress. Pub. Date: July 8, 2015.



My Android Phone. By: Craig James Johnston. Publisher: Que. Pub. Date: July 2, 2015.



Learning to Succeed. By: Jason Wingard. Publisher: AMACOM. Pub. Date: July 15, 2015.



SCLA Conference 2015 Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the [2015 SCLA Annual Conference!](#)

You can register online or download and complete the mail-in registration form.

SCLA T-Shirts are also now available!

In celebration of 100 years of SCLA, T-shirts are available for purchase via the conference registration form. T-shirts can be picked up at the conference registration table when you arrive. If you cannot attend the 2015 Conference but still want to order a T-shirt, simply fill in the pertinent fields on either



100 Years in the Making

SCLA Annual Conference 2015

registration form.

For more information, please contact John Kennerly, SCLA 1st VP/Conference Chair at kennerly@erskine.edu.

Facebook or Twitter user? Follow SCLA, share what's happening in your library, and help celebrate SCLA's 100th birthday!

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Twitter: twitter.com/sclanews

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Grants Research and Proposal Writing Classes to be Offered



The South Carolina State Library is pleased to offer two popular grants research and proposal writing classes:

Grants Research: Finding a Funder for Your Nonprofit Organization

This class helps individuals working with nonprofit organizations locate information on grants available

from private foundations and corporations using the South Carolina State Library's electronic and print resources. Sessions run from 9:30 a.m. to noon and are offered on two different dates:

- September 17, 2015 (register at statelibrary.sc.libcal.com/event/991356) and
- November 19, 2015 (register at statelibrary.sc.libcal.com/event/991357)

Proposal Writing Basics – This class will focus on what needs to be included in all your grant proposals. Sessions will be offered

on two different dates:

- October 14, 2015 (register at statelibrary.sc.libcal.com/event/991354) and
- December 9, 2015 (register at statelibrary.sc.libcal.com/event/991355)

Both classes will be held at the South Carolina State Library, 1500 Senate Street, Columbia and are free; however, registration is required. For more information, please contact Dawn Mullin, Information Services Librarian at 803-737-3762 or dmullin@statelibrary.sc.gov.

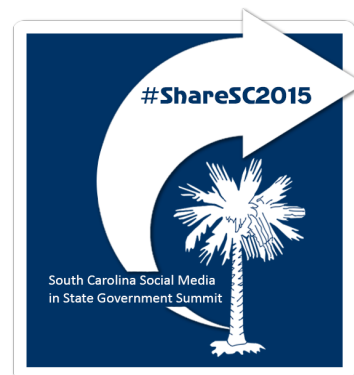
State Library Announces Social Media Summit

The South Carolina State Library is pleased to announce the SC Social Media in State Government Summit. The summit will be held Wednesday, September 9, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 and includes lunch.

Join us for a day of hearing from

colleagues at SC State Government agencies about how to effectively use social media to promote state government, events, programs, and more!

Registration and more information is available at the [State Library's event calendar](#).



Electric City ComiCon August 8

The Anderson County Library System will hold its first annual Electric City ComiCon – an epic afternoon event free for all ages from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8 at the Main Library, 300 N. McDuffie St. The day will celebrate superheroes, comics, science fiction, literacy, and art. Events include Q&A sessions with authors, artists, and cosplayers, gaming demos and tournaments, and Cosplay and Fan Art contests.

Event partner Planet Comics will oversee gaming and gaming demos throughout the afternoon

and a wide array of vendors will have booths set up for browsing, including Fanboy Glass, LABweorc, and Steampunk Frippery.

Three panel discussions will take place: 1:30 p.m. – “Masks and Manners: Getting Started in Cosplay and Cosplay Etiquette” moderated by Sybil Todd with Gypsy Teague, Marla Robinson, and Amanda Finley

2:30 p.m. – “Heroes and Heroines in Young Adult Science Fiction” with moderator Tara Lynne and panelists David Weber, award-winning author Megan Shepherd (*The Madman's Daughter*), and Delilah S. Dawson (*Servants of the Storm*)

3:30 p.m. – “From Page to Screen: Comic Books and Screen Adaptations” led by Mike Thompson and featuring *New York Times* best-selling author Robert Venditti (*The Homeland Directive* and *The Surrogates*),

artist George Farmer, and Dr. Allen Swords, of Clemson University.

The afternoon rounds out with Cosplay and Fan Art Contests and Award Ceremonies.

The Electric City ComiCon is made possible in part by a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services administered by the South Carolina State Library. For more information, please visit the [Anderson County Library website](#) or call Brianna McDonell at 864-260-4500, ext. 103.

Photo: ComiCon committee members, from left, Brianna McDonell, Dani Lubsen, and Sarah Holmes show off the ComiCon display logo and T-shirts designed by fellow ACLS staff member Sara Leady.



ALA Round-Up 2015

Several staff members from the South Carolina State Library attended the American Library Association's annual conference this year. Below are brief reports and highlights from sessions they attended or conducted.

One thing that struck me as I observed the attendees coming and going is these people are not my mother's librarians. It seemed to me that the vast majority of attendees are young and energetic! They have hair of many colors, piercings, tattoos, and wardrobes of all kinds. It was fun and I actually met a man from the Texas State Library who works as their School Program Coordinator so I have a new connection! We happened to sit next to one another in a session about Discovery Services (our EDS) which included discussion questions with others at our table at the end of the session. It was serendipity!

The presentation that I attended that I found most interesting was called, "Principles & Politics: Intellectual Privacy and Surveillance in the Digital Age". There were two speakers - Neil Richards a professor of law from Washington University and David Greene, Senior Staff Attorney and Civil Liberties Director at the Electronic Frontier Foundation. Their presentation discussed how legal scholars and other advocates such as librarians are working together to defend the importance of

"intellectual privacy" so there will be continued creativity, learning, and intellectual growth. When society feels that they are being watched it tends to inhibit creativity and free thinking. Librarians are leading the charge to allow patrons to read and explore freely, but more can be done to protect a reader's right to privacy. The Electronic Frontier Foundation can be found at eff.org. In addition, they discussed search engines and how they track searches and collect data. There's one search engine called DuckDuckGo that doesn't track user traffic. This search engine has its limitations, but it may be worth checking out: duckduckgo.com. -Patricia Sinclair, Electronic Resources Coordinator

I attended an extremely beneficial and information packed ALA Spectrum session titled, Building Blocks: Constructing Your Career Path through Networking, Branding, and Flexibility. Panelists were Barbara Alvarez, Business Liaison Librarian, Barrington Area Library; Madeline Sheldon, Library Fellow and Lecturer, Christopher Center Library Services; April Hathcock, Scholarly Communications Librarian, New York University Libraries; and Andrea Galbo, Library Fellow, R.M. Cooper Library. The presentation was directed to those of us who are ALA Diversity Scholarship



recipients and focused on being open to new and overlooked opportunities in library and information science. We were asked to provide a list of resources for the session and some of the resources I recommended were The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business by Charles Duhigg, and How Good Do We Have to Be? A New Understanding of Guilt and Forgiveness by Harold Kushner. My term as a member of the ALA Committee on Diversity began once ALA Annual ended. -Jason M. Broughton, Outreach Coordinator

One of the big ideas sessions I attended explored how Wikipedia and GLAM (galleries, libraries, archives, and museums) professionals can work together to surface collections and specialist knowledge. Wikipedia and Libraries are natural allies, as Wikipedia can be the starting point for research, leading learners back to the library to "critically engage" with knowledge. Presentation notes are available at goo.gl/xt0X7B. Did you know that you can watch and listen to the sound of Wikipedia's recent changes?

Check out Listen to Wikipedia (listen.hatnote.com). –Amada Stone, Collection and Digitization Manager.

artists #alaac15 alaac15.ala.org/node/28573 –Denise Lyons, Deputy Director of Statewide Development

the director of the Salt Lake City (UT) public library, who turned out to be a native of Bennettsville (Marlboro County) – this library has an exemplary, proactive and inclusive approach to serving “people experiencing the condition of homelessness” – I’m not being tongue in cheek here, this is actually the recommended usage and I think does helps us to think differently about service delivery. –Kathy Sheppard, Director of Library Development

The South Carolina State Library and Richland Library showcased the All Around Town, All Around the State program at the ALA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Coordinated by Richland’s Children’s Room Manager Leslie Tetreault and librarian Heather McCue along with myself, this project introduced a partnership between the two libraries and the Columbia Museum of Art which reached over 2500 at-risk third graders in counties across the state. This cross-curricular literacy program was designed to introduce children to the work of two celebrated African-American artists Richard Samuel Roberts and Dinah Johnson providing them with the opportunity to visit the museum, create their own artwork, walk to visit the children’s room of the Richland Main Library, and take home a signed copy of “All Around Town.” A lively discussion punctuated by visuals which included video of Johnson brought the project to life for eager listeners in the audience. Funded in part by a LSTA grant from the IMLS, one of their program specialists was in the audience and tweeted about the program. “Check out the @scstatelibrary #IMLSgrant that connected students with prominent

I attended a preconference presented by PLA. This was the main reason I attended ALA, to find out about PLA’s evaluation initiative titled Project Outcome. The plan is to encourage libraries to measure the success of library programs and services in specific ways that can be reported and analyzed nationwide. The evaluation tool in every case is a short survey. It’s hoped that this process will help libraries to show positive results for services and lend strength to advocacy efforts.

Most of the regular sessions I attended had some connection to data collection and analysis. But, I did go to an excellent session on providing gaming services to people with physical and intellectual disabilities. Benefits to individuals include overcoming social isolation and promoting social achievement. Games like Wii bowling are great for physically limited seniors and people with mobility challenges. Video games that use avatars are wonderful ways to encourage engagement and can promote literacy learning.

I also attended a session on homelessness and heard about ways public libraries are working with the homeless population. I met

In preparation for our upcoming renovation on the first floor, I attended a session presented by Steelcase on designing learning environments. It was geared more towards academic libraries, but had relevant information regarding how library users work in groups and alone and their preferences in spaces, etc.

I also attended a very informative session on South by Southwest Interactive and how libraries and participating and being part of that conference of the most forward thinking, innovative minds in technology. -Chris Yates - Deputy Director of Library Resources and Services

Upcoming Continuing Education Events

Professional Journals for Educators

Tuesday, July 21, 2015 - 11:00 a.m. - noon

This session will cover key topics for educators regarding how to find education journals, and how to create journal alerts and search alerts that will result in EBSCO contacting you when a topic or title is available. This session will be excellent for supporting professional development on all education topics and for graduate and post-graduate work. [Register.](#)

Bridging the Information Gap for Adult Learners

Wednesday, July 22, 2015 - 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

GED resources constantly checked out? Chances are your library contains other great resources which can be used to help adult learners prepare for the GED(r). This webinar will teach you how to connect your resources to adult education success. [Register.](#)

New to Discus? Start Here!

Thursday, July 23, 2015 - 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

If you're new to the South Carolina library community or just need some refresher information, this free online introductory session is for you. It provides an overview of South Carolina's Virtual Library: why it exists, the users it serves, how to access it, and a brief look at some of the most frequently-used electronic resources in the Discus collection. [Register.](#)

Creating Library Memories: Digital Photography Techniques

Wednesday, July 29, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Whether you're a beginner or advanced, learn and share ideas about creating library memories with digital images. Attendees will learn about how to effectively use your library's images to promote library events, services, and more! Other techniques will include using a camera on sliders, a GoPro

camera, creating a video slideshow from still images, and using green screens to create images that grab your patron's attention. Popular photography apps will also be reviewed. [Register.](#)

Searching the 'Collection' Databases

Wednesday, July 29, 2015 - 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This session will highlight the 'collection' databases listed below, focusing on the content (leading journals, full-text coverage and deep backfiles) and sample reference questions.

- Military & Government Collection
- Professional Development Collection
- Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection
- Religion & Philosophy Collection
- Vocational & Career Collection.

[Register.](#)

South Carolina Bit By Bit: Archives and Digital Documents

Wednesday, August 5, 2015 - 11:00 a.m. - noon.

This webinar will describe the work and public resources of the SC State Archives and certain digital/print collections of SC state documents. [Register.](#)

Library Workforce Planning

Tuesday, August 18, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Jessica Cornish, the Human Resources and Program Coordinator for the South Carolina State Library will thoroughly explore the workforce planning process. Attendees will learn how to write an effective, positive job description and develop organized recruitment and selection strategies. [Register.](#)

View more events and register online at statelibrary.sc.libcal.com

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In the News...

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Irresistible Book

Recommendations for Every Type of Summer Reader

This week we revealed how you do summer reading. We crunched the numbers on where you read and how you read, but the biggest question remains: What will you be reading? If you've still got room in your beach bag—and figurative beach bags always have room for more books—then get ready for recommendations. [Read more.](#)

Internet Searches Create Illusion of Personal Knowledge, Research Finds

Searching the Internet for information may make people feel smarter than they actually are, according to new research published by the American Psychological Association. [Read more.](#)

When America's Librarians Went To War

Looking back at the nationwide support for American troops in the two world wars, we see Americans of all stripes making patriotic contributions and sacrifices—including farmers, factory workers and librarians. [Read more.](#)

5 Truths about Making and Makerspaces in Our Libraries

Not all libraries are the same, and we do a disservice to us all when we fail to recognize that when discussing the profession. A majority of the

professional publications often seem to highlight big library systems with big budgets, but we all can't easily replicate those services. [Read more.](#)

Hip Hop Librarian Spins Info Lit. An Interview with Craig Arthur

Earlier I wrote about Carrie Donovan's Keynote at the The Innovative Library Classroom Conference. There was another presentation that I found inspiring: Can You Kick It? Bringing Hip Hop Pedagogy To The Library Classroom by Craig Arthur, Instruction Librarian at Radford University. [Read more.](#)

What it's like to write speeches for a rude, rambling and disgraced politician

You don't need to be a speechwriter to realize that the phrase "I won't begin in any particular spot" is a wretched way to start a public address. Yet those were the opening words of one of the more remarkable political spectacles in recent years: Mark Sanford's rambling and teary news conference of June 24, 2009, in which South Carolina's then-governor confessed that rather than hiking the Appalachian Trail, he'd been hooking up with his Argentine mistress. [Read more.](#)

Google Classroom Gets a Share Button and More New Features

A new "share to Google Classroom"

button is starting to appear on popular sites and services including Quizlet, Discovery Education, PBS, and Duolingo. [Read more.](#)

Revising Academic Library Governance Handbooks

Regardless of our status (tenure track, non-tenure track, staff, and/or union), academic librarians at colleges and universities may use a handbook or similar document as a framework for self-governance. These handbooks typically cover rank descriptions, promotion requirements, and grievance rights, among other topics. [Read more.](#)

Self-published? Here's how to get into libraries—via SELF-e, Smashwords and ebooksareforever

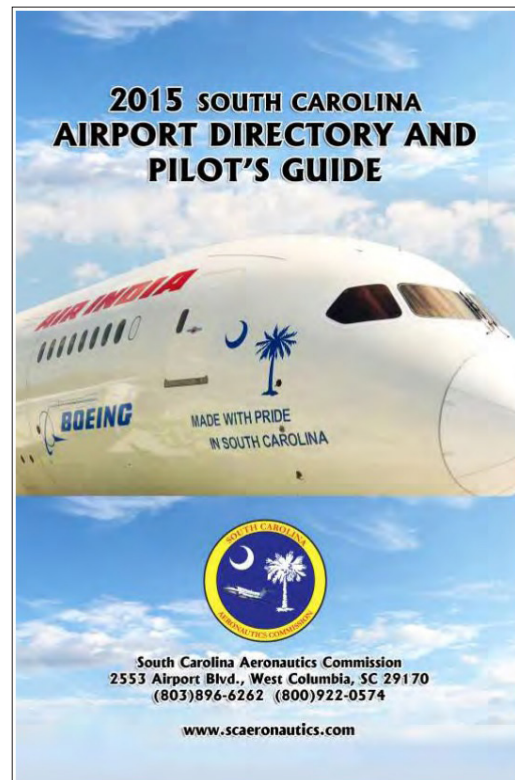
With perhaps as many as 600,000 indie books appearing each year, the library market is a tough nut to crack for the self-published. But what if Library Journal vetted your e-book and—let's be optimistic—pronounced it library-worth? That's the idea of SELF-e, and in a guest post in Jane Friedman's blog, publishing consultant Porter Anderson explores the pros and cons. [Read more.](#)

South Carolina State Library Digital Collections Highlight

2015 South Carolina Airport Directory and Pilot's Guide (2015)

This document is a list of contacts for each airport in South Carolina, with address, company or agency affiliation, phone number, fax number, and title for each contact. It also has aerial photographs of each airport.

You can view this [document online](#).



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